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The Postage is 25 cents per lb., and 20 cents each succeeding lb. or fraction of a lb., which includes Registration fee, and must be prepaid in stamps. No further charge is made in the United Kingdom except for Customs duty, which is 25% ad valorem, or 3 feet 6 inches in length, or 6 feet in greatest length and girth combined. A return is given for each Parcel.

The sender must fill up a form of Customs Declaration, which can be obtained free at each Post Office. No parcel can be accepted till this is completely and accurately filled. The only articles ordinarily sent from China which are liable to duty are Tobacco, and Gold and Silver plate.

Dangerous or perishable goods, articles likely to injure the Mails, Liquids (unless securely packed) or parcels easily crushed, such as hand-boxes, are prohibited. No Parcel can be received if its value exceeds \$250.

A Parcel may contain a letter to the same address as that of the Parcel itself, or another Parcel to the same address. No other enclosures are allowed.

With regard to inward Parcels, addresses are requested to observe that the Parcel Mail is not opened until the ordinary distribution of letters, &c., is finished. The postage on Parcels at home is 10d per lb., the Regulations are generally similar to the above, and the Parcels are sent out via Giro.

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1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the

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When correspondence has been misent or delayed (both of which are liable to happen occasionally) all that the addressee need do is to note on the cover, *Sent to* ... or *Received at* 7 p.m., or as the case may be, and forward it, without any other writing, whatever, to the Postmaster General. This should be done on the first time cause of complaint occurs; it is a mistake to let such matters pass for fear of giving trouble, a course which generally gives more trouble in the end.

1. Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, Patterns, Bills, Almanacs, &c., for addresses in Hongkong or the Ports of China, in batches of not less than ten of uniform size and weight may be sent to the Post Office un stamped, the postage at the rate of one cent each, being paid in cash or charged to the sender's account. Special accounts may be opened with non-box-holders for the delivery of considerable numbers of such articles.

2. Such covers, when addressed to places other than Hongkong or China, must be prepaid two cents each in stamps as heretofore.

3. Circulars, &c., must not exceed 2 ounces each in weight. Patterns, Almanacs, &c., must be under 3 ounces each in weight. Heavier articles will be charged ordinary rates.

4. Envelopes containing Patterns, &c., may be wholly closed if the nature of the contents first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary. Printed patterns may be enclosed in pattern packets.

5. Addresses must be clearly written, that is to say, on each cover as are not addressed to heads of houses the addressee's residence or place of business must be added. Incompletely addressed covers will be returned to the sender for address.

6. It must be understood that the above-mentioned classes of correspondence will invariably be delivered at places of business unless special arrangement is made for delivery at private houses. Such arrangements can only be made subject to the General work of the Post Office.

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General Rates, by any route:—

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There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

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General Rates, by any route:—

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1. All correspondence posted before 5 p.m. on any week day for addresses in Victoria will be delivered the same day, and generally within two hours; unless the delivery should be retarded by the Contract Mail.

2. Invitations, &c., can generally be delivered within Victoria at the private houses of the addressees rather than at places of business, if a wish to that effect is expressed by the sender, otherwise it is invariably delivered at the nearest place of business.

3. Boxholders who desire to send Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, &c., of the same weight, to addresses in

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusives of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing at

Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *a*, near the Kowloon shore *b*, and those in the body of the

Harbour *c*. Shipping midway between each shore are marked *d*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.

2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.

3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.

4. From Harbour Master's to the P. & O. Co.'s Office.

5. From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Pedder's Wharf.

6. From Pedder's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.

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